

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with David Kemeny on August 17, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Delete the Examiner's amendment to the Specification on page 1 as entered on August 12, 2010.

"CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a national stage application of PCT/JP04/16922 filed November 8, 2004, which claims priority from Japanese application 2004-004816 filed on January 9, 2004, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety."

It is further noted that the Applicant's amendment to the Specification as filed on September 23, 2005 should still be entered accordingly.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Teresa Bonk whose telephone number is 571-272-1901. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:00-5:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dana Ross can be reached on 571-272-4480. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Examiner, Art Unit 3725